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From: "Vandermark, Robert"
Sent: Fri 7/6/2012 8:20:26 PM

Subject: Re: EPA's Action Plan for the Bay Delta http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/actionplan.html

Roger,

Thank you for passing this on. Are there any press materials you can pass on? Fact sheet, press release, Q and A doc, etc?

Rob

From: Roger Gorke [mailto:Gorke.Roger@epamail.epa.gov]

Sent: Friday, July 06, 2012 02:55 PM

Subject: EPA's Action Plan for the Bay Delta

Dear colleagues -

As I briefly mentioned at our last Bay Delta meeting, EPA is releasing an action plan to address water quality challenges in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. We wanted to give you a heads up prior to releasing the Action Plan publically.

The Action Plan is based, in part, on public comments received in response to EPA's February 2011 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. This action completes EPA's commitment in the December 2009 Interim Federal Action Plan to assess whether current regulatory mechanisms designed to protect water quality in the Estuary and its tributaries are effective in protecting aquatic resources.

While EPA's review found that much activity is under way to improve the Estuary's water quality, significant work remains. The Action Plan highlights the most critical activities, in particular, the review and modification by the State Water Resources Control Board of water quality standards to protect estuarine habitat. The Action Plan describes EPA's expectations of work that the State Water Board will do, as well as the support that EPA will provide.

EPA's Action Plan, along with the February 2011 ANPR and a synthesis of the public comments received, can be found on EPA's website:

http://www.epa.gov/sfbay-delta/actionplan.html

Please note that we expect to post the Action Plan on Monday, July 9, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Schwinn in our San Francisco Office at 415-972-3472

Thanks,

Roger

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